

WHALEY BRIDGE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Annual Reports

OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH
AND
PUBLIC HEALTH
INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1964

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1964

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH and HOUSING COMMITTEE (Whole Council)

Chairman: Councillor A. Hulme

Councillor A.L. Attwood, J.P., (Chairman of the Council)	Councillor H.H. Littlewood,
Councillor N.W. Broadhead,	Councillor H. Mycock,
Councillor A.E.B. Butler,	Councillor S. Nicholson,
Councillor J. Costigan,	Councillor R.F. Plumley,
Councillor R. Drinkwater,	Councillor A. West,
	Councillor F.B. Woodward.

(As at 31st December, 1964)

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health:

F.D.F. STEEDE, M.B.,B.Ch.,D.P.H.
(Resigned 31st October, 1964)

Acting Medical Officer of Health:

G. COCHRANE, M.A.,M.B.,Ch.B.,D.P.H.
(Commenced 1st November, 1964)

Public Health Department,
Town Hall, Buxton. (Tel. 2061)

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector:

A. McLANE, A.R.S.H.,M.A.P.H.I.

Assistant to Surveyor and Public Health Inspector:

G. PEARSON

Meat Inspectors: (Part-time)

C.E. HALL, M.R.C.V.S.
and

N. SALISBURY, M.R.C.V.S.

Council Offices, Whaley Bridge.

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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1964.

Public Health Department,

Tel. No. Buxton 2061

Town Hall,

Buxton.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1964.

Dr. F.D.F. Steede resigned as your Medical Officer on the 31st October, 1964 and Dr. G. Cochrane was appointed Acting Medical Officer for the remainder of the year. They have both asked me to express their sincere thanks to the Members of the Council, and to all the Officers and Staff for their kindness and consideration.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

H.E. NUTTEN

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres) .	3,479
Estimated Population (mid 1964)	5,290
Number of Inhabited Houses, end of 1964	1,916
Rateable Value	£ 127,308
Value of Penny Rate	£ 514

Vital Statistics

<u>Vital Statistics</u>	M.	F.	
Live Births - Legitimate	34	43	77
Illegitimate	4	-	4
Total	38	43	81
Live Birth rate per 1,000 population		15.3	
<u>Illegitimate Live Births</u> per cent of total live births		4.9	
<u>Stillbirths</u> - Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	2	1	3
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live & stillbirths		35.7	
<u>Total Live & Still-births</u>	40	44	84
Deaths	40	36	76
Death rate per 1,000 population		14.4	
<u>Infant Deaths</u> (Under one year of age) Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	2	-	2
<u>Infant Mortality Rate</u> per 1,000 live births		24.7	
Leg. " " " " legitimate live births		25.9	
Illeg. " " " " illegitimate " "		-	
	M.	F.	
Neonatal Deaths (Under four weeks) - Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> per 1,000 live births		24.7	
	M.	F.	
Early Neonatal Deaths (Under one week) - Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Early Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> per 1,000 live births		24.7	
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live & stillbirths)		59.52	
Maternal deaths (including abortion)		Nil	
<u>Maternal Mortality Rate</u> per 1,000 live & stillbirths		Nil	

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Infant Deaths	4	3	Nil	2	2
Infant Mortality Rate	60.6	41.7	Nil	24.4	24.7

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

DURING YEAR 1964

	Males	Females	Total
All Causes	40	36	76
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1
11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	2	2	4
12. Malignant Neoplasm, breast	-	-	-
13. Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	2	4	6
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	1	1
16. Diabetes	-	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of Nervous System ...	8	9	17
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	12	2	14
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease ...	-	-	-
20. Other Heart Disease	3	5	8
21. Other Circulatory Disease	2	1	3
22. Influenza	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	2	1	3
24. Bronchitis	2	1	3
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System .	-	1	1
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	-	1	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	3	5	8
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
34. All other Accidents	-	-	-
35. Suicide	2	-	2
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-

Comparison with England and Wales

	Per 1000 Population		Per 1000 Live births	Per 1000 Total births
	Live births (Adjusted)	Death Rate (Adjusted)	Infantile Mortality	Stillbirths
Whaley Bridge	17.7	14.3	24.7	35.7
England and Wales	18.4	11.3	20.0	16.3

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

- (a) Laboratory Facilities: Pathological and Bacteriological investigations are carried out at the County Public Health Laboratory, 121a, Osmaston Road, Derby (Tel. Derby 45597). Chemical analysis is carried out at the County Analyst's Department, Matlock (Tel. Matlock 3411).
- (b) Ambulance Facilities: This is a County Council service with an ambulance stationed at :
- Park Road, Buxton. (Tel. Buxton 3551)
- Park Road, New Mills. (Tel. New Mills 3333 : 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Buxton 3551 : 7 p.m. - 8 a.m.)
- Talbot House, Talbot Road, Glossop. (Tel. Glossop 3101 : 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Buxton 3551 : 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.)
- (c) Nursing in the Home: This service is administered by the County Council.
- (d) Clinics and Treatment Centres:

<u>Name and Situation</u>	<u>Clinic held</u>	<u>By whom provided</u>
Child Welfare Clinic, Church Hall, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge.	Wednesday 1.30 to 4.15	Derbyshire County Council.
Eye Clinic, High Lea Hall, New Mills.	4th Tuesday each month.	- do -
Chest Clinic, Great Egerton Street, Stockport.	Monday 2.00 - 4.00	Regional Hospital Board.
Veneral Disease Clinic, St. Thomas' Hospital, Shaw Heath, Stockport.	Mon., Wed. & Fri.	- do -

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47 AS AMENDED BY THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

No action was taken under these powers.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels Service inaugurated in 1962 has proved a real success and our grateful thanks are due to the W.V.S. and the management and staff of the Goyt Mills in whose canteen the meals are cooked. A total of 2,178 meals were provided during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Inspections throughout the area under the various Acts appertaining to Public Health were regularly carried out and any appropriate action taken when necessary.

Water Supply

The public water supply throughout the area is under the control of the Stockport and District Water Board. Constant and wholesome supplies were maintained in all areas throughout the year.

Clean Air Act

All industrial premises in the area have plant capable of complying in full with the Act and no complaints in connection with the Act were received during the year. No measurements of atmospheric pollution were made and no clean air zones have been declared.

FOOD

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

No case of food poisoning was reported.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASE - GENERAL

Infectious disease during the year was minimal. Vaccination levels as regards vaccination against poliomyelitis with the oral vaccine, and against whooping cough, tetanus and diphtheria with the triple antigen, are running at reasonably satisfactory levels. However, parents are inclined to forget that it is advisable to boost the immunity level with regard both to tetanus and diphtheria not only at the age of five, but again at ten, if not also at fifteen.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER TUBERCULOSIS

Number of cases notified during the year	1
Pulmonary	1
Non-pulmonary	-

There was no death from tuberculosis.
In case of death or removal the house is disinfected.
The methods of control are :

- (a) Sanatorium treatment administered by the Regional Hospital Board.
- (b) The Chest Clinic at Great Egerton Street, Stockport.

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1964

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & upwards . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES FOR THE YEAR 1964

Disease	Total Cases Notified (all ages)	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths	Analysis of Total Cases in age groups											
				Under 1 year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-59	60 and over
															Age Unknown
Acute Poliomyelitis . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C.S. Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	31	-	-	-	2	6	1	-	21	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	76	3	13	369	6	-
Number inspected	76	3	13	369	6	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysterci :</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	1	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerici.	1.32%	-	-	0.27%	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>						
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

For the Year 1964.

Council Offices,

Tel. Whaley Bridge 2163

Reservoir Road,

Whaley Bridge.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I present to you my Annual Report on the sanitary conditions and a brief summary of work done during the year ended 31st December, 1964. As I was absent due to sickness for over two months of the year I should like to express my personal thanks and appreciation to Mr. G. Pearson for the manner in which he undertook additional duties and responsibilities to maintain the public health service.

Inspection throughout the area under the various Acts appertaining to public health were regularly maintained and appropriate action taken as necessary.

Housing

At the end of the year the Council had 327 houses and bungalows of which 211 houses and 29 bungalows had been erected during the post war years, whilst during the same period 81 private houses and bungalows were built.

The Council has continued its policy of selling Council houses to occupying tenants and during the year 1 house was purchased by the tenant.

The list of applicants for aged persons bungalows is still rather long and it appears evident that there will be an increasing demand for this type of dwelling. There also appears to be a need within the area for bungalows or other types of small residential units for other single persons or couples who do not qualify for the aged persons bungalows.

During the year the Council approved a Scheme and placed a contract for the erection of 23 bungalows on the site off Buxton Road, Furness Vale, 4 bungalows being of the two bedroom type and 19 of the one bedroom type.

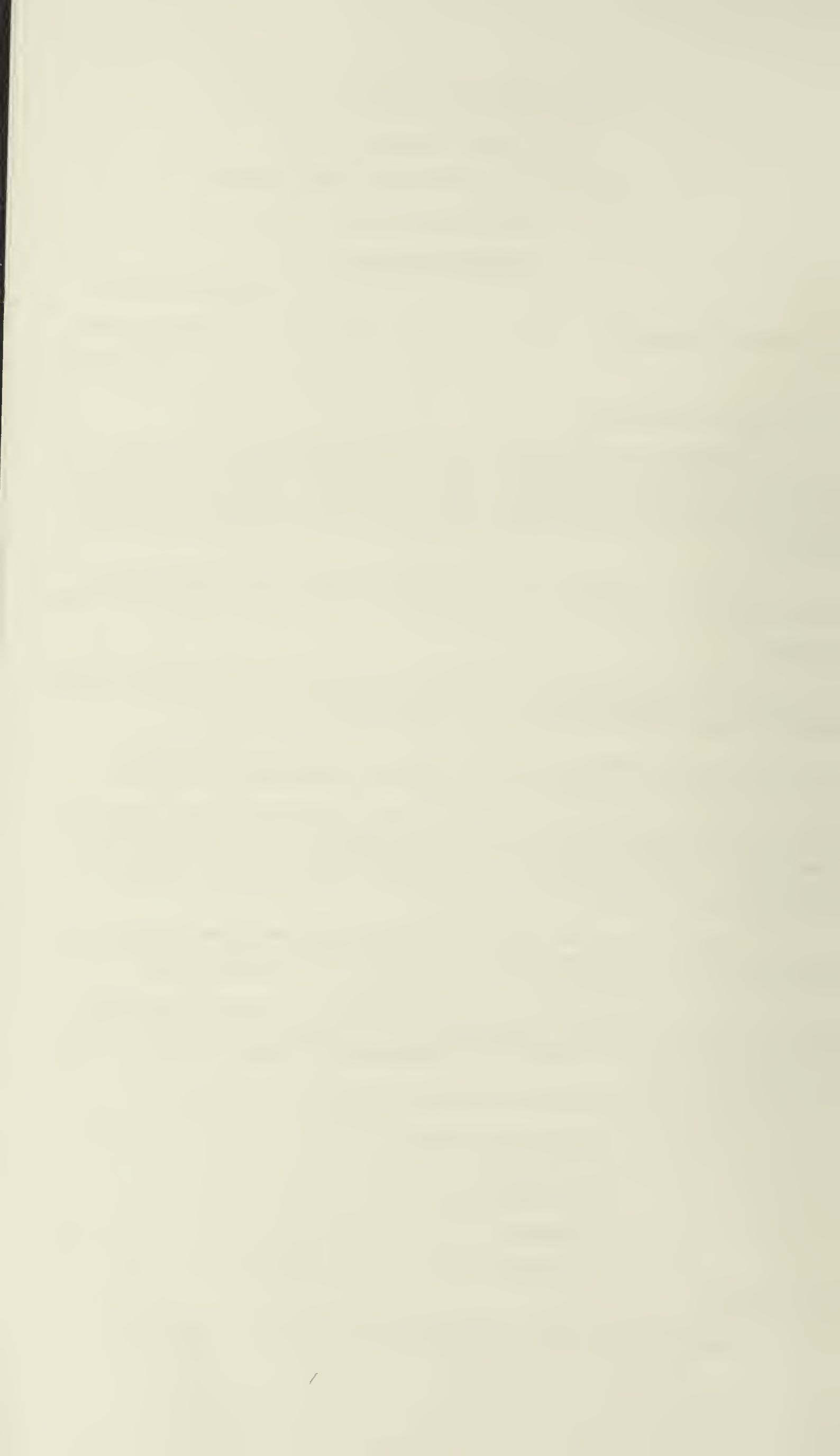
During 1964 the Council approved 29 schemes for Standard Improvement Grants in respect of houses, and paid grants to the amount of £2,234. 27 grants were approved in respect of owner-occupied premises, whilst 2 only were for rented premises.

Details of Improvements completed during the year were as follows :-

Provision of fixed bath or shower	16
" " internal W.C.	18
" " Hot Water Supply	15
" " Washbasin	17
" " Ventilated Food Store	3

Other Housing

Details of new houses erected during the year are as follows :-



(a) Local Authority	Nil
(b) Private Construction	6
(c) Existing houses converted into flats ...	1
(d) Conversions to provide housing accommodation	1
Number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	98
Number of dwellings where action was taken to prevent re-letting	2
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of action by Local Authority (Formal or Informal)	17
Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	Nil

Rent Act, 1957

No Certificates of disrepair were issued during the year.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

No action was necessary under this Act during the year.

Food Inspection

No case of food poisoning was notified during the year. No serious action has been necessary in relation to the condition of premises used for the storage, preparation and handling of food. Requests to provide more satisfactory facilities for hand washing were readily complied with at those premises where improvement was considered necessary.

100% Meat inspection was undertaken by a local firm of Veterinary Surgeons. The privately owned slaughterhouse off Market Street, Whaley Bridge is the only licenced slaughterhouse in the area and routine inspections ensured that the premises were maintained in a satisfactory condition and complied in full with the provisions of the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958.

Sewerage

The Council's sewers connect up to the main sewers of the Whaley Bridge Joint Sewerage Board and this Board also controls the sewerage disposal works at Furness Vale where the treatment is carried out. The Joint Sewerage Board is comprised of members from the Councils of Whaley Bridge Urban District and Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District. As the works are now overloaded it is hoped that the scheme already prepared by the Board for improvements and extensions to both the sewers and the disposal works will be implemented at an early date.

No extensions to the Council's sewers were carried out during the year.

Nearly all properties within the district are sewered excepting those in the outlying areas of Cadster and Fernilee.

Details of foul drainage are as follows :-

Number of houses and premises in district connected to sewers ...	1771
" " " " " " " not connected to sewers	174
" " " connected to main sewerage system during 1964	7

Closest Accommodation in the Area :

Premises with Pail Closet Accommodation	21
" " Privy accommodation	7
" " W.C. "	1924

Rag Flock Act

There are no premises within the urban area where rag flock is manufactured or sold.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The collection of refuse was carried out by direct labour. In February a new 20 cu. yd. Pakamatic refuse collection vehicle was obtained and this machine assisted in achieving a more regular collection of refuse. At the end of 1964 the Council finished tipping on the refuse tip at Fernilee and works were undertaken to restore the surface to one suitable for agricultural use. No suitable alternative tipping site was available and temporary use had to be made of the abandoned refuse tip at Bridgemont. Very great difficulty is being experienced in finding a suitable tipping site where efficient control could be exercised. In view of the difficulties experienced joint tipping arrangements with a neighbouring authority could be the most satisfactory permanent solution.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The main provisions of this Act came into operation 1st August, 1964. The Council appointed on a temporary basis, Mr. W.S. Potter to undertake a survey of the area to obtain details of premises which would be required to be registered under the Act, and I should like to express appreciation for the manner in which Mr. Potter carried out this work. It was ascertained that there were 52 premises which would require registration and these premises employed a total of 221 persons.

Moveable Dwellings

There is only one licensed caravan site in the area and one of the conditions of licence restricts the accommodation to not more than three caravans. The caravan site is of the permanent residential type. No difficulties arose concerning the control of caravans within the area.

Animal Boarding Establishments

Licensing of animal boarding establishments became necessary during the year and inspections were made in conjunction with an R.S.P.C.A. Inspector to ensure that premises and general conditions complied with requirements of the Act. Two premises were licensed during the year under review.

Sanitary Inspections

Number of inspections made under Public Health, Housing Acts, etc. ... 1195

Defects or Nuisances :-

Number discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	229
Number abated with or without Notice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	223

Number of Notices served :-

Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Statutory Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Legal Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Details of Public Health Inspections and Nuisances abated :-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Nuisances abated</u>
Accumulations or Deposits .	14	2
Housing Repairs ...	202	53
Drains - Repaired or renewed	122	11
" Cleared of obstruction	85	41
Gully Traps - Blocked or defective	81	16
Provision of Dustbins ...	24	8
Defective Closet Accommodation .	61	19

						Inspections	Nuisances abated
Defective Soil Pipes	...	...	...	...	...	14	9
Defective Sink Waste Pipes	...	...	...	...	...	21	11
Defective Water fittings	...	...	...	...	...	15	6
Public Conveniences & Urinals	...	...	...	...	...	42	1
Rodent Infestations	...	...	...	...	...	93	25
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	54	-
Animals or Birds improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	8	1
Animal Boarding Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	8	-
Foul condition of houses	...	...	...	...	...	7	-
Factories & Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	59	1
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	22	-
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	32	2
Offices, shops, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	120	-
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	27	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	84	12

Factories

There are 37 Factories and Workshops in the area, the number of inspections and action taken being given in the following table :-

Premises	Inspections	Notices Served	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories (With Mechanical Power)	20	-	-
Factories (Without Mechanical Power)	39	-	-
Other Premises	-	-	-

Defects found in Factories were as follows :-

Particulars	Number of Defects		
	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-
(d) Other offences against the Act	-	-	-

Outwork

Number of outworkers on Register 5
(All outworkers are engaged on sewing)

Number of cases of work undertaken on unwholesome premises Nil

Food Inspection

During the year the following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

Foodstuffs	Tins/Bottles/Packs	Weight (to nearest lb.)
Corned Beef	10	60 lbs.
Cooked Ham	34	485 lbs.
Other prepared meat products	16	21 lbs.
Fruit and Vegetables	18	27 lbs.
Milk Products	6	6 lbs.
Fish	18	5 lbs.
Raw Beef	-	26 lbs.
Bacon	-	25 lbs.

I am, Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McLane

Public Health Inspector.

